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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

VIA: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

Chief, Information Management Staff, DO

SUBJECT: Sole-Source Procurement of Automation
Equipment for Project CRAFT

REFERENCE: Memo for C/IMS from D/L, dated 24 July 81,
Same Subject, (DD/A 81-0981/4)

Jim

1. We are pleased with your decision to proceed with the sole-source procurement of equipment for installation at eight overseas testbeds. The required system study will be completed by October 1981.

2. I agree that it would be useful to meet soon to discuss your proposal for a coherent Agency-wide word processor procurement plan. The issue is an important one for CIA.

3. Our current views on the matter are these:

a. The acquisition of an Agency-standard word processor must not be delayed if standardization is to be successful and beneficial. DO demand for word processing is, as you know, very high.

b. The implementation of CRAFT testbeds must not be delayed.

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d. It would be nice if equipment could be the same here and abroad, but that would be assured only through sole-source procurement of [] for Headquarters, as D/ODP has commented.

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e. We would hesitate to support such procurement at this time because we are not in a position to assert that the [] family of equipment, with its wide range of processing capabilities (needed by CRAFT), offers the most advantageous word processor for the diverse offices here at Headquarters.

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f. If the Headquarters' standard should not become [] and CRAFT should continue with [] the result would not, in our view, be distressing. The DO would certainly require some [] processors at Headquarters for the purposes of training, familiarization, and the interchange of information storage media. But the use of two brands of word processors here in the DO would be perfectly acceptable from the users' standpoint, a standpoint which, we affirm, should rank ahead of technical and logistical considerations.

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